

BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION CODE ADOPTION

ADOPTED AND ENFORCED MARCH 5, 2025

1. 2024 International Building Code (IBC) with amendments
2. 2024 International Residential Code (IRC) with amendments
3. 2024 International Mechanical Code (IMC)
4. 2024 International Plumbing Code (IPC) with amendments
5. 2024 International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC)
6. 2018 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) with amendments
7. 2023 National Electrical Code (NEC) with amendments
8. 2025 Baldwin County Building Code Modifications

AMENDMENTS

2024 International Building Code (IBC):

1. Amend Section 104.7 (*Official records*) to state: “The building official shall keep official records as required by Sections 104.7.1 through 104.7.5. Such official records shall be retained as per Alabama State Law.”
2. Amend Section 202 (*Definitions*) to add the following definition:
ACCESSIBLE FROM GRADE. Any opening where the top of the opening is greater than eight (8) feet above grade plane or an adjacent walking surface.
3. Amend Section 1202.3 (*Unvented attic and unvented enclosed rafter assemblies*) to remove Condition 5.2 in its entirety.
4. Amend Section 1609.3 (*Basic design wind speed*) to state: “The basic wind speed, V, in mph, for the determination of the wind loads shall be determined by the ASCE Hazard Tool website <https://ascehazardtool.org/>.”

5. Remove Section 1705.2.6 (*Metal building systems*) in its entirety.
6. Amend Section 2402.1 (*Glazing Replacement. General*) to state: “The installation of replacement glass shall meet or exceed the ratings of the existing glass being replaced.”
7. Amend Section 2902.1 (*Minimum number of fixtures*) to include, “Minimum fixture requirements may be altered upon approval of the Building Official”.
8. Amend Section 2902.2 (*Separate facilities*) to remove Exception 5 and Exception 6 in their entirety.
9. Adopt Appendix C, *Group U – Agricultural Buildings*
10. Adopt Appendix H, *Signs*
11. Adopt Appendix P, *Sleeping Lofts*

2024 International Residential Code (IRC):

1. Amend Section R104.7 (*Official records*) to state: “The building official shall keep official records as required by Sections R104.7.1 through R104.7.5. Such official records shall be retained as per Alabama State Law.”
2. Amend Section 105.2 (*Work Exempt from Permit*) Exemption 1 to replace “200 square feet (18.52 m²)” with “400 square feet (37.04 m²)”.
3. Amend Section 105.2 (*Work Exempt from Permit*) Exemption 2 to state: “Fences made of chain-link, wrought iron, wood, or other similar material.”
4. Amend Section 105.2 (*Work Exempt from Permit*) Exemption 10 to replace “200 square feet (18.52 m²)” with “400 square feet (37.04 m²)”.
5. Amend Section R202 (*Definitions*) to add the following definition:
ACCESSIBLE FROM GRADE. Any opening where the top of the opening is greater than eight (8) feet above grade plane or an adjacent walking surface.
6. Amend Section R301.2.1 (*Wind design criteria*) to state: “Buildings and portions thereof shall be constructed in accordance with the wind provisions of this code using the ASCE Hazard Tool website <https://ascehazardtool.org/>.”

7. Remove Section R309.2 (*One- and two-family dwellings automatic sprinkler systems*) in its entirety.
8. Remove Chapter 11 (*Energy Efficiency*) in its entirety and replace with the requirements of the 2018 International Residential Code (IRC) Chapter 11 (*Energy Efficiency*) in its entirety.
9. Amend Section P2503.4 (*Building sewer testing*) to replace “10-foot (3048 mm) head of water” with “5-foot (1524 mm) head of water”.
10. Amend Section P2503.5.1 (*Rough plumbing*) item 1 (*Water test*) to replace “not less than 10-feet (3048 mm) above highest fitting connection” with “not less than 5-feet (1524 mm) above highest fitting connection”.
11. Remove Section P2503.6 (*Shower liner test*) in its entirety.
12. Remove Section E3901.4.2 (*Island and peninsular countertops and work surfaces*) and Section E3901.4.3 (*Receptacle outlet location*) in their entirety and replace with the requirements of the 2018 International Residential Code (IRC) Sections E3901.4.2 (*Island countertop spaces*), E3901.4.3 (*Peninsular countertop space*), and E3901.4.5 (*Receptacle outlet location*).
13. Remove Section E3902.12 (*Specific appliance outlets*) in its entirety.
14. Amend Section E3902.14 (*Outdoor outlets*) to remove the following sentence from Exception 3: “This exception shall expire September 1, 2026. [210.8(F)]”
15. Adopt Appendix BB, *Tiny Houses*
16. Adopt Appendix BD, *Home Day Care Occupancy*
17. Adopt Appendix BF, *Patio Covers*
18. Adopt Appendix BO, *Existing Buildings and Structures*

2024 International Plumbing Code (IPC):

1. Amend Section 312.2 (*Drainage and vent water test*) to replace all sections that state “10-foot (3048 mm) head of water” or “10-feet (3048 mm) head of water” with “5-foot (1524 mm) head of water” or “5-feet (1524 mm) head of water”.

2. Remove Section 312.10 (*Shower liner test*) in its entirety.
3. Amend Section 403.1 (*Minimum number of fixtures*) to include, "Minimum fixture requirements may be altered upon approval of the Building Official".
4. Amend Section 403.2 (*Separate facilities*) to remove Exception 5 and Exception 6 in their entirety.

2018 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC):

1. Remove International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) Residential Provisions in its entirety.

2023 National Electrical Code (NEC):

1. Remove Section 210.8(D) (*Specific Appliances*) in its entirety.
2. Remove Section 210.52(C)(2) (*Island and Peninsular Countertops and Work Surfaces*) in its entirety and replace with the requirements of the 2017 National Electrical Code (NEC) Section 210.52(C)(2) (*Island Countertop Spaces*).
3. Amend Section 210.8(F) (*Outdoor outlets*) to remove the following sentence from Exception 2: "This exception shall expire September 1, 2026."

RESCINDED MARCH 5, 2025

1. International Building Code, 2018 (Section 903.2.9 Group S-1 amended 10/6/2020)
2. International Gas Code, 2018
3. International Mechanical Code, 2018
4. International Plumbing Code, 2018
5. International Residential Code, 2018
6. International Energy Conservation Code, 2018
7. Baldwin County Supplemental Code for Residential Structures in addition to the IRC, 2018 (amended 10/6/2020)
8. National Electric Code, 2017 For Commercial Buildings and Residential Buildings containing more than two (2) dwelling units